

## **Medicare Rx Update: December 2, 2005**

### **Countdown to implementation...**

If you haven't tested the new E1 Eligibility function that will be available to pharmacies for the implementation of the new Medicare drug benefit, you should soon. We hope you will see the potential this has for eliminating many of the insurance and billing hassles pharmacists deal with in today's third party world. To access the free "test" transactions, click on the following URL:  
[http://medifacd.ndchealth.com/Pharmacies/MediFacD\\_Pharmacies\\_Testing.htm](http://medifacd.ndchealth.com/Pharmacies/MediFacD_Pharmacies_Testing.htm)

Here is what leading pharmacy associations are saying:

NCPA press release

[http://www.ncpanet.org/news\\_press/press\\_releases/2005/ncpa\\_applauds\\_introduction\\_of\\_medicare\\_part\\_12-02-2005.shtml](http://www.ncpanet.org/news_press/press_releases/2005/ncpa_applauds_introduction_of_medicare_part_12-02-2005.shtml)

APhA press release

<http://www.aphanet.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&CONTENTID=4476&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm>

NACDS statement

<http://www.nacds.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=4602>